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AUTEN PEONIES

FAMOUS FOR COLOR



PINK SOLANGE, An Auten Origination



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THE AUTEN ORIGINATIONS

When you plant an Auten Origination you are to enjoy some of the results of 35 years of careful work in the development of new varieties. Peonies do not come true from seed, and the 240 Auten Peonies were selected from many thousands grown from seed. It takes from nine to fifteen years to make a new variety ready for sale, and for one so chosen, several hundred mature plants, five years or more of age, may have been grown and discarded.

The Auten Peonies include many of the world's finest. Among them we offer you

Unfading reds in doubles, singles and Japanese type
Singles and Japanese unsurpassed

Rose fragrant doubles

Sure blooming late doubles for the warmer parts of
the Peony belt

Plants with strong stems and vigorous growth

Glorious new early blooming Hybrids

Peonies are not only the finest of all hardy perennial plants, they are also just about the easiest to grow. Planted in good soil, well drained, with full sun if possible, they last many years, and require a minimum of care.

We send quality roots, the standard 3 to 5 eye division, which is the best size to plant. Full planting and cultural directions are included in each shipment. Roots are fresh dug to order, and so arrive full of life. They are grown here in rich corn belt soil, and every precaution is taken to grow healthy, vigorous stock.

Since a Peony is so long lived, it pays to get only the finest kinds. The added satisfaction and enjoyment every year in having the very best makes first cost not an expense, but an investment. Our quality standards are the very highest, our prices most reasonable.

Write us if you wish special advice on choice of varieties or on cultural problems.

NOTE. People living as far south as St. Louis should choose mostly early doubles, singles and Japanese type.

1952 INTRODUCTIONS, Auten Originations

- Early Scout** A true hybrid, a cross between Richard Carvel and a single red *Tenuifolia*, probably *T. Hybrida*. This is a very dark red single, very early, blooming before any of the early *Officinalis* Hybrids, and usually with *Anomola Smouthii* and *Tenuifolia*. Makes a good sized plant, with coarsely cut foliage. Bloom is darker red than *Anomola Smouthii* and lasts longer. Also is not subject to frost damage to the buds as is *Anomola*. 7.00
- Drummer Boy** A very brilliant dark red bomb on a stiff stemmed dwarf plant, the trim foliage, the beautifully formed blooms carried boldly erect, all combine to make an especially effective display. As the bloom begins to age it may fade in some climates, but no worse than many other named kinds, and it is so very fine until that time that I am offering it anyway..... 10.00
- Kathryn Curran** A large late pure white double of especial refinement and charm. Rose fragrant. A mass of trim foliage starting at the ground level, the blooms carried gracefully above it.... 10.00
- Northland** A very early blush white double, high built bloom, on tall stiff stems, ideal for cutting. Rose fragrant. I believe this is a chance seedling of the tall black red semi-double Adolph Rousseau. At any rate, it is very distinct from all other white doubles, and very much worth while. 10.00

RED DOUBLES, Auten Originations

These include clear, unfading dark reds, and fine new shades of red, all on good strong plants. For a start, choose from **Louis Joliet**, **Tempest** and **Santa Fe** for dark red.

Andy	Dark red double, strong grower, free bloomer. Has been well received.....	2.00
Big Ben	Medium dark red bomb, early, fragrant, opens well, on tall stiff stems. Seems to do well everywhere, and has received high praise from both growers and amateurs.....	5.00
Blazing Star	Very brilliant dark red, petalage a bit irregular, stems very stiff.....	1.00
Captain Kidd	Dark red nearly full double, rich with a deep purple cast. Large bloom. Color holds except in extreme heat.....	1.50
Cleopatra	A very brilliant red double, some fragrance. A most valuable kind, as it is extremely late and is a sure opener here. It attracts immediate attention in the field, and fills a long felt need for a really high class late red.....	3.00
Daniel Boone	A very large rich dark red semi-double on tall extra heavy stiff stems. A bouquet is a thing to remember. At its best in cool weather. A true aristocrat.....	1.25
Dearborn	Brilliant dark red, a faint tinge of purple giving it carrying power. Large blooms, on stiff stems of medium height. Late midseason. Extra fine except in extreme heat.....	1.00
Detroit	A very large red bomb, fairly early, medium height. This is a most promising new variety and should prove very popular when generally known. It is outstanding.....	7.00
Fanchon	Brilliant black red bomb, fiery, unfading and long lasting. Narrow center petals. Just below medium height, very stiff stems. Very unusual and very fine.....	8.00
June Brilliant	Late full double dark red, very brilliant, held aloft on slender wiry stems. Trim bloom, not fragrant, lasts well when cut. Very popular	2.00
June Giant	An enormous dark red, won as best red double at 1946 National show. Has given me the largest red bloom I ever raised.....	7.00
Louis Joliet	Dark red, color exceptionally fine, does not fade, stamens are hidden. Medium height, stiff stems, a strong grower and free bloomer. Early midseason. A fitting companion to the famous Philippe Rivoire, as it is earlier. Should be in every garden.....	1.25
Lucky Star	A very distinct dark red, medium sized bloom held above the foliage on a tall, vigorous plant. Near bomb type, with yellow markings on some center petals. Very late, makes a fine display	1.50
Mendota	A very large high built red, almost full double, on tall stiff stems. Brilliant and attractive, and lasts well, even though it carries some rich purple. Outstanding.....	1.25
Paul Revere	Dark red double, late, blooming just before Cleopatra. Large bloom, grand color, an aristocrat	3.00

RED DOUBLES, Auten Originations (Cont.)

Radiant Red	Just what the name implies—it glows. Moreover it is an entirely new color break in reds, Cochineal red in ordinary temperatures. Guard petals not prominent, tend to hug the trim bomb center, which looks like it had been trimmed by a barber. Medium height, stems very stiff. A sensation.....	3.00
Rosalie	Close to the true American Beauty shade of red. It looks like a rose. Not tall, but a very strong grower and free bloomer. Lasts a long time, fine for cutting. One of our most popular kinds	1.00
Sambo	Brilliant red double, in a distinctive shade. Midseason. Stiff stems, trim plant.....	2.00
Santa Fe	Brilliant dark red double with a few stamens. Of the highest quality as regards both color and plant. Does not fade.....	1.75
Tempest	Unsurpassed for clear, rich dark red color. The few stamens well hidden. Does not fade. Stiff stems. Midseason. Extra fine for cutting..	2.50
Uncle Tom	Very high built black red, with a few stamens. Tall plant. Exceptional for color. At its best in cool climate.....	4.00

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Alaska	Outer petals deep pink, narrow shorter petals shading much lighter, suggestive of salmon tints. Rose fragrant, and a long keeper when cut. Sells well at our fields.....	1.00
Auten's Pride	One of the world's finest Peonies. Light pink with lavender shades, rose fragrant. Large bloom, sure to open. Late. Stems stiff, just above medium height, a strong grower and free bloomer. None finer in that color.....	2.50
Cloud Castle	Fine deep pink, rose fragrant; very late, an exceptional keeper. Very tall.....	3.50
Eloise	Highest quality bloom, bright pink, rose fragrant. Late. A large bloom sure to open. Medium height	5.00
Joyce	One of the last to bloom and very sure to open well. Very tall, on stiff stems. Especially valuable because of its lateness.....	2.00
Maxine	A high built double pink on a plant of medium height. A strong grower. Midseason.....	2.00
Naomi	Rich creamy flesh pink, very large, on tall stiff stems. Early midseason.....	1.50
Pathfinder	Full petalled medium pink, late midseason. On stiff stems. Heavy substance, fine for cutting. Nicely formed bloom.....	1.50
Patty	A very unusual and charming shade of pink, might be called salmon pink. Bloom and plant not large. Extra fine for cutting and table decoration	1.50
Peggy	A warm, bright silvery pink double of medium size, the petals notched and crinkled. Stems short, very stiff. This is one of the earliest varieties to bloom. It has proved to be especially useful and long keeping as a cut flower.....	1.50

PINK DOUBLES, Auten Originations (Cont.)

- Pink Glow** A bright pink double, late. Bloom loose petalled, beautifully finished. Held high above the foliage, which starts at the ground. An outstanding variety 10.00
- Pink Monarch** A bright deep pink double, very distinct. In very hot weather not all blooms come perfect, but the good ones justify growing it. Very tall. It has quality, charm and size..... 3.00
- Pink Solange** An especially valuable large, late deep pink double on tall stiff stems. A strong grower and a sure opener in ordinary weather. Sometimes resembles the old Solange in shape of bud and bloom, but is a darker and richer shade.... 2.00
- Prairie State** A very large pink, with darker tints toward the center. A sure opener on a tall rugged plant. Midseason. A sensational variety that should be most welcome to those who like big blooms but live where hot weather makes some big ones uncertain..... 8.00
- Virginia Lee** A glorious pink double, large, and with exceptional charm and beauty. One of the latest peonies to bloom, and especially valuable because it is a sure opener in normal weather. Not fragrant 3.00

WHITE DOUBLES, Auten Originations

This list of white doubles contains some of the world's finest. They are especially notable for refinement and charm. Most of them are delightfully rose fragrant. They cover the whole season of bloom, early to very late.

- Betsey Ross** Full double pure white, exquisitely formed bloom, petals incurved. Rose fragrant. Late, on tall stiff stems. Very distinct..... 2.50
- Carolina Moon** Bomb type, white outer petals with yellow center. Valuable not only because there are few kinds in this color combination, but also because of its extreme earliness and its great charm. Medium height, stiff stems. A very popular variety 3.50
- Dance Caprice** Loose petalled, showing stamens. White, opening blush. Tall, a strong grower and free bloomer. Suitable for garden effect or table arrangements. Trim bloom..... 1.00
- Flower Girl** Perfect white bloom, opening blush. Rose fragrant. Stiff stems, 20 to 25 inches. Early midseason. Highest quality, it is irresistible.... 3.00
- Juanita** Blush white full double on stiff stems of medium height. Rose fragrant. Midseason. Beautifully formed, a charming variety..... 2.00
- Maid of Honor** Late, on stiff stems. Very fine, distinctive form, showing highest quality..... 10.00
- Mary Auten** One of the highest rated of all peonies. Full double white, opening palest lavender. Rose fragrant. Late, and opens well. Many doubles often show a bad center in unfavorable weather, but Mary Auten almost never does. Deservedly popular 2.00
- Mr. Moon** Full double; white with a definite yellow cast through the bloom, most pronounced in this respect of any kind I know. Late, sure opening on tall stiff stems..... 3.50

WHITE DOUBLES, Auten Originations (Cont.)

Moline	Very late, trim bloom, white opening flesh. Sure to open, and valuable because of its lateness as well as its fine quality.....	2.50
Molly Pitcher	A large white double, opening pale flesh. Rose fragrant. Late midseason, opens well. A show flower, very full petalled and beautifully formed. Outstanding for refinement.....	2.50
Nauvoo	Pearly flesh white double, high built and very high quality. Rose fragrant. Gives magnificent blooms. Late.....	2.50
Old Siwash	A large, rose fragrant blush white double on tall stiff stems. Given the nickname bestowed on Knox College by the late George Fitch. Early midseason. Most outstanding, as it has all the good qualities expected in a top notch variety	2.50
Plymouth (9.20)	Full double white, opening flesh, rose fragrant. Very late, on tall stiff stems. Substance extra, and one of the surest of all late doubles to open. A most valuable variety.....	4.00
Polly Prim	Here is one for the specialist. Full double, of most exquisite form and petalage, not over five inches in diameter on stiff stems. Rose fragrant. Late	2.00
Prudence	Very chaste full double white, rose fragrant, refinement personified. On tall stiff stems. A strong grower and fine in every way. Early midseason	2.00
Sanctuary	Very large, double bloom, a very decided creamy white, some blooms spotless, others with heavy red splashes in center. Early midseason. Substance is extra heavy, plant very rugged, and a much admired variety.....	3.00
Siloam	Very large, full double, sure to open, late. Rose fragrant. An exquisite bloom, opening wide. Has been enthusiastically received. I consider it better than Kelway's Glorious, being a much better formed bloom.....	2.00
Sistie	White, opening a very definite pink. Late, sure to open, substance extra, and the strongest rose fragrance of any Peony I know. High built bloom. Tall, a very strong grower and free bloomer. An indispensable variety.....	1.25
Vincennes	White bomb, opening with center flushed pink, yellow and light green, soon changing to pure white. Rose fragrant, on tall very stiff stems. Very early.....	2.00
White Beauty	Very large double, with a few hidden stamens. Exquisite pearly white. Tall stiff stems, a strong grower and free bloomer. Early midseason	1.25
White Delight	Full double, outstanding for its purity of color and charm. Substance exceptional. Rose fragrant. Early. A most useful variety...	1.50
Yukon	Spotless snow white double, very large, and with a perfect center. Late on tall stiff stems. Petals are so long it needs cool weather to open out properly. A 9½ inch bloom won best bloom in show, 1948 National Peony Show, and in 1951 National Show it won best white double in the show	1.50



**Queen of the Dawn. Pink single
A Hybrid. Auten Origination**

OFFICINALIS HYBRIDS, Auten Originations

This new race of hybrid Peonies starts blooming about ten days before the regular Peony season. They are of surpassing beauty, giving us reds more brilliant than we have ever had, and new shades in coral, cherry, salmon, and orange; reds free from any purple cast. They were obtained by crossing the common species, Albiflora, on the Officinalis species, which is much earlier. The result is a longer Peony season, a vast improvement in reds, and beautiful variations in form of bloom. Until one has seen them, he can have no comprehension of their beauty. They make an outstanding addition to any garden. We suggest that for first order you select from **Chocolate Soldier, John Harvard, Rose Marie and Veritas.**

- Auten's Red** A full double, bomb type, with slight yellow markings. Very rich velvety dark red, large bloom, on a fine plant. One of the finest double Hybrids we have seen..... **40.00**
- Beacon Hill** Very early dark red single, large bloom on tall stiff stems, one of earliest to bloom..... **5.00**
- Black Gold** Probably the darkest red of my Hybrids. Glossy, with a very few yellow markings. Medium size, very distinct..... **5.00**
- Bright Eyes** A very bright red double, with contrasting yellow markings. As snappy as the name implies **4.00**
- Chief Justice** Very rich deep red, color exceptionally fine. Good size, with stiff stems. One of the latest Hybrids, blooming with the first of the regular season. Double..... **7.00**

OFFICINALIS HYBRIDS, Auten Originations (Cont.)

China Boy	A brilliant red single, almost scarlet, on short stiff stems. Trim foliage, making a very distinctive plant	10.00
Chocolate Soldier	Darkest "black red," almost as dark as chocolate candy. Bloom variable from Japanese type to full double, with some yellow markings. Color is unusually rich.....	5.00
Dakota	Very early red single, with a definite orange scarlet tone. Prominent yellow center as both stamens and the filaments are yellow. Trim petals, fine plant and foliage.....	5.00
Dandy Dan	A brilliant red double, with some stamens showing. Tall stiff stem, a rugged plant and bloom. Color extra.....	10.00
Dusky Dinah	A large, late dark winey red single, blooming with the first of the regular season...	6.00
Fancy Free	A brilliant orange red; Japanese type of bloom, with yellow markings and occasionally a tuft in the center.....	7.00
Good News	Distinct shade of deep orange red, single with deep yellow stamens in center. Early. Foliage quite distinct.....	4.00
John Harvard	A magnificent peony that has won high awards in competition. Very dark red single, sometimes almost double. Color is clear and does not fade. A strong grower with tall stiff stems. Most dependable.	4.00
Nevada	A large black red single. The color holds. On a tall plant of exceptional vigor, with stiff stems	4.00
Old Main	A large red bomb, brilliant and showing a trace of purple which adds to its brilliance. Tall stiff stems.....	10.00
Queen of the Dawn	Large cupped single, very light pink, with harmonizing pale yellow stamens and filaments. Very early.....	12.00
Red Dandy	Very full large bomb, almost ball-shaped, dark red, a very distinct variety that attracts immediate attention.....	20.00
Red Ensign	Very dark red, trim bloom held above low foliage, some stamens show. Outstanding for quality	5.00
Red Monarch	(Auten-Glasscock) Large red bomb with some rich purple. On tall stiff stems. Much admired	5.00
Robert W. Auten	One of the grandest of all Peonies. A large, high built double, on tall stiff stems. Very dark red entirely free from purple.....	30.00
Rosedale	A brilliant red, petals somewhat incurved, some stamens, blooms held erect above low trim foliage	2.50
Rose Marie	(Auten-Glasscock) A full double, rich, dark red, clear and unfading, fine substance, and surpassing any rose in those respects. Most popular	5.00
Soothsayer	Large single on an extra fine plant. An unusual shade of red, admired by many, lighter than the others.....	4.00

OFFICINALIS HYBRIDS, Auten Originations (Cont.)

Smoky Joe	An enormous black red semi-double on tall stiff stems. The blooms are loose petalled and some are too ragged. The good ones are superb and worth waiting for. Best for cool climate	8.00
Topeka	Full double bomb type. Clear brilliant red, a distinctive shade of great refinement. Tall stems. Much admired.....	10.00
Veritas	Unusual type of bloom, narrow center petals, pointed, with yellow stamens fastened to the edges of some, and other stamens forming a yellow collar. A very brilliant dark red, glistening and enduring like varnished mahogany. Early and a very strong grower.....	2.50



TESTIMONIALS (Unsolicited) Auten Hybrids

- FROM NEW YORK. *The Hybrid you sent (Fancy Free) bloomed and was very fine. John Harvard was gorgeous.*
- FROM ILLINOIS. *Your one year Veritas is blooming in my garden. Isn't it an utterly gorgeous piece! Its blooming so early utterly amazes me.*
- FROM MASSACHUSETTS. *The Officinalis Hybrid "Dandy Dan" which you sent me was out of this world for beauty.*
- FROM MINNESOTA. *We had some beautiful Chocolate Soldier this season, and it is one of our favorite Hybrids, in fact, it is consistently nice every year, as well as long lasting. It seems to attract the attention of every one who visits our garden.*
- FROM WASHINGTON. *It (John Harvard) is one of the most beautiful Peonies we have. The blooms are simply huge, dark velvety and rich. Every one is just spell bound when they see it.*
- FROM WISCONSIN. *Peonies I received from you last year have all done exceedingly well. Particularly liked Veritas — stunning.*
- FROM WISCONSIN. *You just aren't saying enough about Veritas! As a cut flower and its lasting qualities on the bush as well. Mine had eight or nine blooms this year.*

TESTIMONIALS (Unsolicited)

- FROM WISCONSIN. *Your catalogue tempted me so much, that I now have eight of your peonies, and like every one of them.*
- FROM MINNESOTA. *(A Nurseryman) We like Tempest very much. So far it seems to be our best red.*
- FROM MASSACHUSETTS. *I am always delighted at the freshness of your stock and your peonies are coming along nicely.*
- FROM INDIANA. *Today I received several Peony roots I had ordered from you. Was very much pleased with them.*
- FROM ALABAMA. *Big Ben had nice buds on each stem and every one produced a fine bloom.*
- FROM OHIO. *(A Nurseryman) Am well pleased with quality of stock.*
- FROM NEW YORK. *Just a note to say that Louis Joliet was one of the first to bloom, and it is a wonderful dark red.*
- FROM WEST VIRGINIA. *I would like you to know how outstandingly beautiful three of your Peonies have proven this summer. Nippon Princess easily the most gorgeous thing imagineable — Nippon Gold was simply lovely — and Puritan Maid was absolutely beautiful and the bush just covered with blooms.*
- FROM INDIANA. *The Peonies I purchased from you some time ago have been very satisfactory.*
- FROM NEW YORK. *(A grower) I also bought one plant of Cleopatra. It was excellent. Six blooms rained on and strong sun, kept its color and still looks good after ten days. I am absolutely sold on Siloam and Cleopatra.*
- FROM MISSOURI. *I like the way "Auten Peonies" stand up to our severe wind and rain storms. They can really take it.*
- FROM PENNSYLVANIA. *(A nurseryman) Do you have Big Ben to sell this year? We would like to add to our stock. It looks very good this year.*
- FROM ILLINOIS. *Thought you would like to know how well pleased I am with the White Beauty I got from you three years ago.*
- FROM WISCONSIN. *I have one plant of your Nippon Princess and two of Gay Paree. The latter is the talk of the town. I love the single Peonies and feel they are not appreciated enough.*
- FROM CANADA. *You have sent beautiful stock.*
- FROM WASHINGTON. *(A nurseryman) I don't think we have any lot of Peonies from any one hybridiser that are as well liked as a whole as yours are. The Japs, singles and reds are certainly outstanding. Siloam is as nice a white as I would ever want.*
- FROM TEXAS. *White Delight made a wonderful plant and perfect blooms.*

JAPANESE TYPE PEONIES

So called because the Japanese people prefer them to all other types of bloom, and were the first to develop many new kinds. This type is the first advance toward the double type, with narrow center petals, usually edged with yellow. They furnish color contrasts in the same flower obtained in no other type, and are especially valuable for cutting. In the anemone type, the narrow center petals have no contrasting yellow markings, though some, like **Nippon Gold**, have all yellow centers.

The AUTEN ORIGINATIONS, Japanese Type

These are a vast improvement over those from Japan. They have better color, better stems, and are much more vigorous.

RED JAPANESE, Auten Originations

Arapahoe	A rich black red, the color holds. Center is red, heavily edged and tipped light yellow. Trim bloom, trim center. Midseason.....	2.50
Creve Coeur	Very distinct. A mass of color on a large, tall plant. Clear dark red, rose fragrant. As bloom ages a narrow white line appears down the middle of the outside of the narrow center petals. Very popular.....	1.25
Dr. Jekyll	Brilliant dark red, some of the side blooms have more petals than the Japanese type. Tall stiff stems. It is very late, and very valuable for garden effect near the end of the season.....	1.25
Gallant Red	One of the earliest. Rich dark red, almost solid color, does not fade. Stiff stems, very vigorous plant.....	2.50
Mount Palomar	Very dark lustrous red, contrasting sharply with the usual rich yellow markings of the typical Japanese. Stems tall and very stiff. One of the earliest of this type.....	10.00
Nippon Beauty	(9.27) Rich deep red, with some yellow edges on center petaloids. At the top in clarity and refinement of color. Blooms stay good in hottest weather. Strong grower, free bloomer, stiff stems. No other Jap of its color can equal it.....	1.00
Nippon Brilliant	(9.46) Generally considered the finest red Jap. Brilliant red, with some yellow markings. Late, on tall stiff stems. Outstanding in every way.....	2.00
Nippon Parade	Deep red Jap, bright and cheerful, quite distinct. Center flushed lighter. Midseason. A free bloomer and strong grower. Very much admired	1.00
Nippon Splendor	Large dark red bloom, with yellow edges on center petaloids. Midseason. Tall, stiff stems, vigorous grower.....	1.50
Sword Dance	Large medium dark red Jap, very showy, the yellow center making a brilliant contrast of color. Tall plant. Very effective for garden display, and one of the finest Japs.....	2.00

PINK JAPANESE, Auten Originations

Alstead	Deep pink with an all yellow center, on an extra fine plant. Very strong grower and free bloomer	2.00
Chaminade	Very pale, soft pink with an all yellow center. Very effective when not disbudded. Tall stiff stems	1.50
Golden Gate	A deep pink with trim yellow center. Large bloom, good substance. Tall plant.....	3.00

PINK JAPANESE, Auten Originations (Cont.)

- Nippon Gold** (9.02) Purest golden yellow center of narrow crinkled petals. Guards pink. Extra fine for cutting. A very strong grower and a best seller. On mature plants, the small side blooms sometimes appear as dainty pink and yellow double rosettes, just right for a corsage..... 1.25
- Sky Pilot** Deep pink with all yellow center slightly flushed pink. Very large, on tall stiff stems. A sensational variety 10.00



Nippon Gold. Pink and yellow Jap. An Auten Origination

NOVELTY PINK JAPANESE, Auten Originations

Here is a list of most unusual kinds for those who like the so-called “orchid” shades in flowers.

- Bo-Peep** A medium sized orchid pink on a tall stiff-stemmed vigorous plant..... 1.25
- Do Tell** Outer petals very pale orchid pink, narrow center petals much darker, some of them red. A very striking combination, with the color contrast the strongest of any of this type I have seen 4.00
- Fancy Nancy** A soft cerise pink Jap, almost uniform in color, of exceptional purity and refinement... 3.50
- Gay Paree** Guards deep cerise, center lighter cerise with creamy lights flushing toward white. One of the most distinct and striking of all novelties. Bloom has exceptional charm and distinction, and plant habit is fine..... 5.00
- Hollywood** An unusual shade of creamy cerise pink. On old plants some blooms come nearly double. Large trim blooms on stiff stems of medium height. 2.00
- Monterey** Light salmon, cerise and golden tints in the center. Midseason. Very distinct, very fine and much admired. Worthy of a place in any garden. A strong grower..... 1.50
- Nippon Princess** Striking shade of brilliant cerise pink, with some darker reddish petaloids mixed in the center. A very unusual flower. Received the American Home Achievement Medal for most outstanding new seedling for year 1931... 1.50

WHITE JAPANESE, Auten Originations

Undoubtedly the finest white Jap that ever came from Japan is the variety Isani-Gidui. It has white guard petals of wonderful form and substance, and a center of yellow petaloids. But the stem is not the best and the plant also lacks vigor. The Auten white Japs, most of them seedlings of Isani Gidui, are the same type of bloom, some are larger. most of them have deeper yellow centers than Isani Gidui, and all are on vigorous plants with good stems. You need look no further for top quality white Japs.

Christine	Tall, fairly early, large bloom, very vigorous plant, stiffly erect. Highest quality.....	5.00
Cordova	Very large bloom, white with light yellow center. Fine plant. Outstanding.....	4.00
Fairbanks	Distinctive in this list because it is the latest to bloom and opens palest pink, fading to white, with the usual yellow center. Very tall, the most vigorous of the list and first class in every way	3.00
Moon of Nippon	(9.26) (R. W. Auten). Combining the high quality bloom of Isani Gidui and the fine stiff stem of Marie Lemoine, its parents, this white Jap ranks with the very best. Beautiful pure yellow center. Has won many awards..	7.00
Nome	Probably the earliest, and with the fine points of the others.....	4.00
Roberta	Very large, and tall, a refined bloom, plant less formal than the others.....	1.50
Sitka	Pure white outer petals, center petaloids are broader than in the others and are a very rich yellow. Tall, the bloom carried in stately fashion above low foliage.....	3.00

THE AUTEN SINGLE PEONIES

Single Peonies, with their fine contrast between the petals and the mass of yellow stamens should be more and more appreciated. We have obtained kinds which retain their charm till the end, which do not flop their petals badly, and which are borne on strong plants with good stems. Discordant colored seed pods are not tolerated, they must be green or same color as the petals. Extreme size is not desirable. Choose from the following with confidence.

RED SINGLES, Auten Originations

Arcturus	Clear, rich velvety red, fine form and substance, on a good plant. Does not fade. Has won many awards, and is of the very highest quality	2.50
Kaskaskia	Large dark red, color clear, unfading and very fine. Early; fine plant. Not quite as dark as Arcturus.....	1.50
Kewanee	Early medium dark red single, brilliant and unfading. Plant very erect, bloom lasts a long time. Outstanding.....	1.25
Kickapoo	Late. Another dark red single of highest quality, on tall stiff stems. Does not fade.....	1.50
Medicine Hat	Very dark clear red single, color holds, and the yellow stamens are very prominent. Lasts a long time. Trim plant and stiff stems, medium height. Midseason. Fine.....	1.50
Sun-up	Dark red single, very rich color, does not fade. Trim plant, medium height. Late.....	1.25
Red Velvet	Most appropriately named. Velvety dark red, large bloom with two rows of petals; held erect above the foliage. Lasts a long time, and is of exceptional quality. Late.....	2.00

PINK SINGLES, Auten Originations

- Angelus** Generally considered the best light pink single. Large bloom on a fine plant. Even soft pink, outstanding for its charm and refinement.. 2.50
- Dancing Nymph** Pearly light pink, practically white. Fine substance, keeps its wine goblet shape and lasts a long time. Tall stiff stem. Crinkled petals, the best of this type that I know. Outstanding.. 1.50
- Elfin Pink** A soft, even toned true pink that holds its color to the end. Good stem, fine plant. Really high quality pink singles are rare, but Elfin Pink comes up to the most exacting requirements.... 1.50
- Mischief** Late, the finest late single pink, keeps exceptionally well as a cut flower. Carried gracefully on tall stems. Very vigorous and free blooming 1.25
- Moon Mist** Pale pink with darker dots. Very early, on tall stiff stems. An exquisite variety, valuable both for garden effect and for cutting..... 1.00

WHITE SINGLES, Auten Originations

- Country Dance** Early, opening pale flesh. Nice trim bloom on a good plant, tall. Good substance, lasts well 1.25
- Elfin White** White, of great purity. Medium sized blooms, making a charming cluster if not disbudded, and valuable for arrangements with other flowers 1.25
- Puritan Maid** Distinct, with two rows of crinkled petals, makes a grand show..... 1.25
- Sleepy Hollow** Large bloom, opens blush. Early, lasts a long time. Tall plant..... 1.50
- Watchman** Late for a single, and valuable for that reason. Trim bloom, nicely cupped. Good plant. 1.00
- Wedding Day** Midseason. Two rows of petals, a free bloomer. May it recall happy memories.... 1.50
- White Perfection** A great favorite, worthy of its name. A prize winner, outstanding for charm.. 1.50



TESTIMONIALS (Unsolicited)

- FROM ALABAMA. *I wish to acknowledge receipt of the shipment of Peonies which arrived in good order.*
- FROM IDAHO. *I want to thank you for such fine stock. Every root was moist and plump.*
- FROM NEW YORK. *I have so enjoyed the Peonies which have come from you.*
- FROM ILLINOIS. *We wish to thank you for the most enjoyable visit we had with you yesterday. We certainly saw with our own eyes that "Auten Peonies are different."*
- FROM UTAH. *Topeka (a hybrid) and Prudence were especially outstanding this year. Nippon Beauty, Nippon Gold and Nippon Brilliant won blue ribbons in the local spring flower show.*
- FROM WISCONSIN. *An 8 by 7½ inch bloom of Yukon faces me as I write this; there were many blooms, and all lovely.*
- FROM MINNESOTA. *(A nurseryman) We also liked your Sky Pilot very much.*
- FROM OHIO. *(A nurseryman with nearly 1,000 kinds) None better for me here than Mary Auten.*

FREE PEONY

If your order totals \$10.00 or more we will include free of charge one choice Peony of our selection, or if it totals \$20.00 or more we will include two choice Peonies of our selection. Collection offers not to be included in figuring totals for free Peony.

TERMS

TERMS—Cash with order. Prices include delivery in the U. S. as far west as Colorado on orders of \$3.00 or more. Under \$3.00 add 35 cents for postage and packing. **On all orders west of Colorado** add 6 cents per root. **On Canadian orders**, add 25 cents for first root, 10 cents for each additional root. Parcels post shipment simpler than express. Send import permit and remit in U. S. exchange.

Minimum Order—\$2.00 plus 35 cents postage and packing.

No C.O.D. Orders

Shipment—Fall only, beginning September 1st. We are at the mercy of the weather after November 1st. For several very valid reasons we do not recommend spring planting of Peonies.

Your Early Order will be appreciated. Early planting, though not imperative, is nevertheless advantageous.

COLLECTION OFFERS (until October 10th only)

Collection No. 1 5 Peonies, all different, labelled, standard 3 to 5 eye divisions, my selection of types and colors

In the U. S. as far west as Colorado.....\$ 3.00

In the U. S. west of Colorado..... 3.25

Collection No. 2 10 Peonies, not labelled, one to 5 eye divisions, my selection, a very great value

In the U. S. as far west as Colorado.....\$ 3.50

In the U. S. west of Colorado..... 3.75

Note—This price list cancels all previous quotations and is not in effect after January 1, 1953.

PLANTING DIRECTIONS

IMPORTANT—Open your package of roots immediately when they arrive. Plant as soon as possible but if you have to wait a few days, either keep moist in open box in cool cellar, or better yet, bury in garden.

Plant Peonies in good, well drained soil, in full sun if possible, and away from trees, buildings, etc. Do not plant where a peony has been before, unless all old soil is taken out and replaced with fresh. Plant 3 to 4 feet apart; set so that the eyes point upward and are 2 to 3 inches below the top of ground (very important). Give each root 2 quarts of water when planted, and then make a 6 inch mound of dirt above ground level to prevent heaving, scrape mound away late next spring.

In northern states, a mulch the first winter is advisable.

Fall is the natural planting time for Peonies. (After September 1st and before November 1st if possible).

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TO EDWARD AUTEN, JR.

Princeville, Ill. Date _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

City & State _____

Amount Enclosed \$_____

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STANDARD LIST, Varieties from Other Originators
 People living as far south as St. Louis should choose
 mostly early doubles, singles and Japanese type.

DOUBLE PEONIES

Adolphe Rousseau	Dark red, tall, early.....	\$1.00
Baroness Schroeder	Late flesh white, fragrant.....	1.00
Diana	Late white, fine.....	2.00
Dr. Brethour	Very large late white, very fine.....	3.00
Elsa Sass	One of the very finest whites.....	3.00
Evening Star	Late white, extra fine.....	2.50
Golden Dawn	White, yellow center, midseason.....	1.00
Grace Batson	Deep pink, large, late.....	2.50
Hans P. Sass	Blush white, very large late.....	2.00
Hespanola	Deep orchid pink, fragrant.....	1.00
Karl Rosenfield	Large red, midseason, fine plant....	1.00
Longfellow	Very brilliant red, tall, midseason.....	1.25
Loren Franklin	Late deep pink.....	2.00
Marie Jacquin	Blush white, the "Water lily peony"..	1.00
Marietta Sisson	Early pink, large bloom.....	1.50
Martha Bulloch	Dark pink, large, late, fragrant....	2.00
Mary Brand	Large red, midseason.....	1.50
Minuet	Light pink, very large, late.....	2.50
Mons. Jules Elie	Large deep pink, early.....	1.00
Mons Martin Cahuzac	Darkest red, early, semi-double	2.50
Mrs. J. H. Neeley	Blush white, late.....	2.00
Myrtle Gentry	Light pink, large, late, one of finest.	2.50
Nick Shaylor	Very large late white, extra fine.....	3.00
Nimbus	Flesh white, late, tall, fragrant, extra fine..	1.50
Philippe Rivoire	Dark red, fragrant, late, extra fine.	1.50
President Wilson	Pink, large, late. Very fine.....	2.00
Priscilla Alden	Late white, very distinct.....	1.50
Richard Carvel	Early dark red, fragrant, tall.....	1.00
Souvenir de l'Exposition Universelle	midseason, pink	1.00
Umbellata Rosea	Extra early, light pink, stiff stems	1.00
Walter Faxon	Late dark pink, one of finest pinks...	1.50
SINGLE PEONY	Krinkled White	2.00
JAPANESE TYPE	Charm Very dark red.....	2.00
	Currant Jap Unusual shade of red.....	2.00
	Isani Gidui White and yellow, a leader.....	2.50
	Toro-no-maki Blush white, extra fine.....	2.00

EXTRA EARLY SPECIES and HYBRIDS

These cover a period about 16 days before the common species start. See also the Auten Hybrids on pages 7, 8, and 9.

Anomola (Smouthii)	Purplish red single. Foliage cut leaved. Makes a large plant, the earliest in this list	1.25
Birthday (Saunders)	A coral pink single.....	2.50
Bright Knight (Glasscock)	very fine deep orange red single	10.00
Crusader (Glasscock)	Very fine single, red.....	10.00
Dainty Lass (Glasscock)	Pink and yellow Japanese type	5.00
Jewell (Glasscock)	Very large dark red single.....	2.50
Legionaire (Glasscock)	Very dark red single, very early	2.00

SPECIAL NOTE—We grow more than 175 other kinds not listed in this catalogue. If you have any special wants, please write us.

